

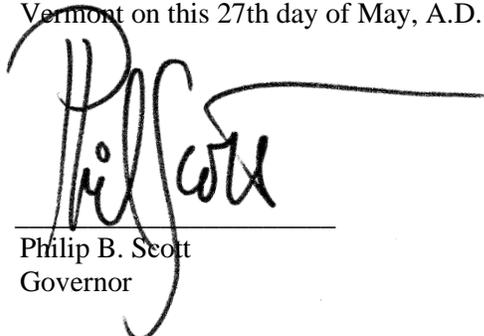
State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the Vermont Craft Council’s Spring Open Studio is celebrating its 30th anniversary on Memorial Day Weekend, May 28 and 29, 2022 and gives visitors and Vermonters an opportunity to tour more than 150 art studios and galleries statewide; and
- WHEREAS,** the celebration of handmade artwork from Vermont artisans working with clay, metal, fiber, wood, glass, stone and paint, created products that helped Vermonters to be sustained and grow; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vermont Crafts Council recognizes the hundreds of artisans/makers throughout Vermont are essential contributors to community, tourism and quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** stretching from the Arts and Crafts movement in the mid-1800s in England, an element of the attraction of hand-made artwork is its contradistinction of the mass market, machine made, and ubiquitous object and in Vermont this was a strong component of the “back to the land” movement of the 1960’s and 70’s when many of the long-time participants in Open Studio set up their studios; and
- WHEREAS,** over the past 50 years this migration has continued, and has made Vermont a rural epicenter of the national studio craft movement; and
- WHEREAS,** now, as a new generation embraces hand-made, repurposed, utilitarian, local and limited production work, these artists are joining Open Studio too; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vermont Craft Council encourages and promotes recognition of the value of locally, handmade artwork as a critical part of our creative economy.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 28-29, 2022 as

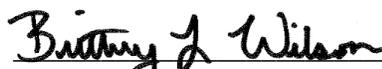
SPRING OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27th day of May, A.D. 2022.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs